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Re: Application of: **Karsten GERVING**  
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For: **ELECTRIC SWITCHING DEVICE COMPRISING  
AN ARC-QUENCHING UNIT**  
Customer No.: 23280

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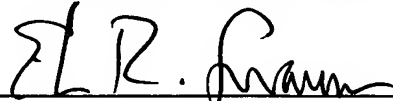
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority of German Application Serial No. 203 16 027.4, filed 18  
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